

Recommendations for Fisheries Orders

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Fisheries Orders

- FO-210: Designated trout streams
- FO-215: Statewide regulations for select warmwater species
- FO-216: Regulations for the taking of minnows for commercial purposes
- FO-226: Hook and line restrictions during Walleye spawning runs





Fisheries Order 210.22

- Devils Creek and Tributaries (Menominee Co.)
 - Adjust management strategy
 - Habitat is no longer suitable for trout species
 - Fish community is now dominated by warmwater species
 - Recommend removal of trout stream designation



Fisheries Order 215.22

- Add consistency to Walleye regulations in Lake Erie, Detroit River, Lake St. Clair and the St. Clair River
 - Recommend removing the 13-inch minimum size limit (MSL) for Walleye in Lake St. Clair and the St. Clair River
 - Would result in the statewide 15-inch MSL for these connected waters



Fisheries Order 216.22

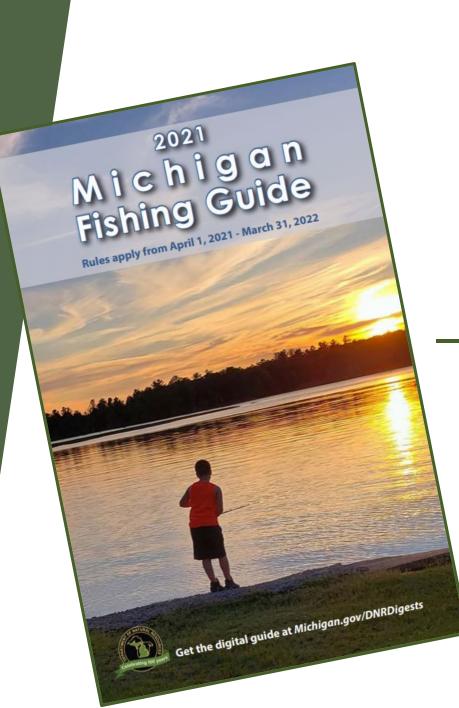
- Allow baitfish harvest from waters previously considered fish health risks
- Following detection of Koi Herpes Virus (KHV) in 2011, regulations were adopted to prevent the spread of the virus through the bait supply
 - Prohibited personal and commercial harvest on specific waters.
- Recent studies indicate KHV does not infect MI's native fish species
- Recommend removing closures for minnow harvest on the following waters;
 - Silver Lake and its tributaries (Oceana County)
 - Kent Lake including Huron River upstream to Hubell Millpond dam (Oakland & Livingston Counties.)
- Recommend for immediate effect



Fisheries Order 226.22

- Restore previous protection for Walleye population
- Managers identified unintended consequence associated with regulatory amendment in 2021
 - Flint River regulatory upstream boundary changed from Holloway Dam to Mott Dam
 - Less protection for Walleye in the upstream reaches
- Recommend reinserting Holloway Dam as the upstream boundary for the special regulations
- Anglers support these special regulations that protect Walleye populations





Thank You!

Questions?

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